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Ms. Webster,

As discussed, here are some photos resulting from our investigation into NRC incident #1028084 (anonymous complaint). The complainant reported a discharge of crude oil from a barge that is being cut up, while allowing oil to spill onto the ground and then burning the oil.

Our responder (Danny Chapman) met two USCG responders at the site and confirmed that an old barge was leaking an oily type waste into the area immediately surrounding the barge. There was nothing burning at the time of his visit. It appeared that the barge was being scrapped / salvaged for the metal.

As noted in the photos, extensive cutting of the vessel has left the residual material in the barge exposed to the elements...a barge slip connecting directly to the Mermentau River is less than 30

feet away. There is also obvious soil contamination.

I spoke to Chief Hutton with the USCG (Marine Safety Unit - Lake Charles) and he informed me that he was able to make contact with the subcontractor that had been hired for this aspect of the environmental cleanup. It appears they are now aware that contents of the barge must be properly handled prior to resuming scrapping operations and have reportedly begun efforts to do so.

This e-mail is intended to make you aware of the situation, since we (LDEQ) recently made a formal request for EPA's Removal Team to consider CERCLA action for this site. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

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